

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3471 - SB 3700

February 27, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants a recognized minor political party the option to nominate all offices by primary or by rules of the party. If the minor party seeks to nominate by primary election, the petition for recognition must be filed by the qualifying deadline. If they nominate by any other means, the petition for recognition must be filed 90 days prior to the general election.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Recognized minor parties will have the option to select nominees by primary or by a caucus or convention. Removes the requirement that minor parties have a primary.
- If minor parties opt to nominate all offices by primary, there will be no additional cost since this will be held during a regularly scheduled local primary. Any cost to add these nominees to the ballot will be not significant.
- No impact on state or local government for a minor party to select nominees by party caucus or convention.
- Establishing filing deadlines and clarifying the procedures to be used for those filing as a recognized minor party can be accomplished within existing resources without additional personnel or a reduction in other budget items.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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